

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed on January 17, 2007, the Examiner maintained and made final his rejection of claims 1-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 on grounds that the claims fail to recite a tangible result.

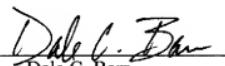
The undersigned attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview conducted on March 13, 2007 to discuss proposed amendments to the claims to overcome the Examiner's rejections. It is believed that agreement was reached that the above-noted amendments properly place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, claims 1-40 are now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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